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**From:** Payne, James [payne.james@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 10/18/2018 10:40:03 PM  
**To:** Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Holst, Linda [holst.linda@epa.gov]; Poy, Thomas [poy.thomas@epa.gov]; Stepp, Cathy [stepp.cathy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Central Wisconsin contaminated wells

Forwarding to Jeff.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 5:21 PM  
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Oct. 18, 2018

To: Linda Holst, Region 5 Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Acting Director

Re: Request EPA Intervention in South Wood County, Town of Port Edwards, and Neighboring Affected Communities, State of Wisconsin

Concerning surface and groundwater testing done between April 30th and May 3rd of this year, we find the Armenia Growers Coalition MOU offer to remediate Wood & Juneau County residents to be totally inadequate.

Under Emergency Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, the EPA has authority to act immediately. Citizens and Health Departments in both Wood & Juneau Counties have recognized an " . . . eminent and substantial endangerment . . ." situation exists.

Our county citizens water group would request the EPA to examine data compiled by both the EPA and the Health Departments of Wood and Juneau County. They are nearly identical. To us, this data shows two things:  
that there are identified sources of pollution mainly related to agriculture, and, that a not yet totally defined group of residents may have their health at risk. Clearly much broader testing must be done and people need immediate remediation paid for by the operations that caused the problem. Said remediation may include replacement of wells, water treatment systems, or municipally-supplied water. Then, agriculture needs a whole new set of "best practices" imposed on them.

Please respond with news of immediate temporary assistance, additional fact finding, and long-term planning to avoid a contamination / pollution issue like this from occurring again.

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CC:  
Thomas Poy, EPA Region 5 Ground Water Drinking Water Branch Chief James Payne, EPA Region 5 Acting Regional Administrator Cathy Stepp, EPA Region 5 Regional Administrator